

#### The Regent Neighborhood Association Invites You and Your Family to the Neighborhood Fourth of July Festival Wednesday, July 4, 2012 at West High Athletic Field



- About NoonParadeThe festival kicks off with a parade led by the one-and-only<br/>Rag Tag Band. Kids of all ages—red-white-and-blue-tify your wheels<br/>and selves and line up at the corner of Grand and Park Place.
- **12:15 pm Let the games begin!** Good, old-fashioned fun brought to you by your neighbors. There'll be lots of home-made games, prizes, water balloons, catapult, cake walk, face painting, and more. And the Box Maze returns!

Food! Brats, hot dogs, veggie dogs, soft drinks, and a dessert booth!

About 2 pm Egg Toss Legendary Regent Market Egg Toss.

#### About 2:30 pm End of Festival

- **How You Can** Call a coordinator and volunteer. See other side for details.
  - Dust off your instrument and join the Rag Tag Band.
    - Decorate your bikes and join the parade.
    - Create and run a game.
    - Bake a treat for the cake walk or the dessert booth.
    - Play the games and have fun with your neighbors.
    - Have a brat and toss an egg.
    - Stop by the membership tent & join the RNA!

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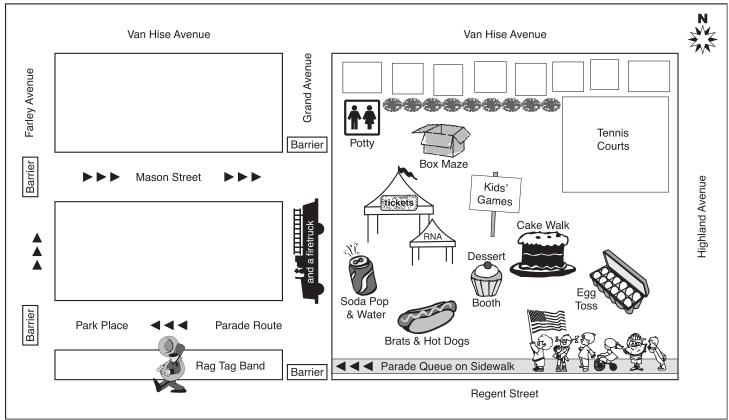


#### RNA 4th of July Festival — Working together makes it happen! Contact one of our organizers and see how you can help!

Set Up: Robin Worth, 219-7634 or rworth13@charter.net. Set up from 7-11 am.
Rag Tag Band\*: Marli Johnson, MStarCatch@aol.com or 271-1219.
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Cake Walk: Susan Robinson, 215-0956. Bring baked goods to the field on Wednesday.
Clean Up: Robin Worth, 219-7634 or rworth13@charter.net.

With your help, it won't take long!

#### **RNA Festival Map at West High Field**



**Please note:** Regent Neighborhood Association will not purchase liability insurance for the picnic. Please supervise children and let's celebrate safely.

#### \* Band Members WELCOME to join our Rag Tag Band this July $4^{\rm th}$

Haven't played for a while? Not much experience? A real hot shot? All are welcome! On July 4<sup>th</sup>, the Regent Neighborhood Rag Tag Band proudly marches around the block then plays a fun concert on the West High athletic field. We begin with easy tunes for less experienced performers then graduate to intermediate pieces and a few show-off numbers. **Rehearsals at 7pm: Thursday, June 21 and 28, St Andrews Church.** Respond right away so that we can reserve your spot! Music available ahead of time. Questions? Email Marli Johnson, MStarCatch@aol.com, or call (608) 271-1219.

#### We Remember Doleta Chapru, Leader of the Band December 13, 1936–April 21, 2012

Doleta Chapru grew up in Colorado, Oklahoma and Wyoming, always surrounded by music. She tap-danced, learned drums, clarinet and piano, earned two degrees in music, and worked and studied in Vienna, Austria.

Economic reality brought her to Southwest Wisconsin where she taught voice and directed high school musicals. During this time



Doleta Chapru

she began folk dancing at Folklore Village near Dodgeville, developing lasting friendships and a passion for playing accordion, which, along with clarinet, she played in the Folklore Village house band.

With her young son Paul, she moved to Madison and became a licensed barber, then worked for the University. She was a pillar of the Prairie Unitarian Society and, in 2004, a founding member of the Humanist Union. A political activist (adapted songs for Solidarity Singers) she also wrote songs for the Raging Grannies and was a member of the Ethnic Connection. Doleta was a fantastic piano teacher and a very talented sight-reading musician.

In spite of her musical sophistication, she never lost the common touch and was so capable of teaching amateurs to sing and play music with the same passion she felt. Our Rag Tag Band was no exception. Doleta gave her all, whether 5 players or 25 showed up. Then with warm humor, a beaming smile and much encouragement, she drew the best out of our raggle taggle group, as we always managed to entertain the appreciative crowd.

Generously giving of her time and musical knowledge, she wore various hats while ensuring the continuity and success of our beloved Rag Tag Band—librarian, clarinet/accordion player, recruiter and able director.

Her many years of dedicated service to our Band made a tremendous difference to the success of our Annual July 4th Festival.

More than anything, we will miss her fun-loving, positive spirit.

Our hearts go out to her family (husband, Warren Hagstrom drummed with the band).

Please share your memories in the facebook group, "Remembering Doleta Chapru". Hopefully our words will provide solace, in knowing how much she meant to so many.

— Marli Johnson Rag Tag Band Leader

Many thanks to Marli Johnson, as she takes up the baton as the new leader of the Rag Tag Band. Margaret Steadman, who founded the band in 1979, was Marli's Grandmother. Her philosophy was that if everyone were to be in a musical group (band, chorus, orchestra) then we would all learn to listen to one another and the world would be at peace. Thank you Marli for keeping her vision alive!

If you'd like to join the Band, please contact Marli by email at MStarCatch@aol.com or by phone at 608 271-1219. (See page 2 for more information.) We look forward to another fabulous July 4th celebration!





#### Remembering Gene Borman

Regent Market Co-op regulars will be saddened to learn that longtime employee Gene Borman, who retired from the co-op last year, died in January at the age of 81.

Gene was a favorite of RMC customers as he greeted them from behind the meat and deli counter with an unfailing smile and, always, a tasty treat



Gene Borman

baked by his wife Loretta. His unassuming demeanor masked the expertise gained by 56 years' work as a meat cutter in Madison.

Many of us got to know Gene at Ken Kopp's, the Monroe Street grocer, which maintained a stable of popular butchers in its well-regarded meat department. Our co-op was fortunate to be able to hire him when Ken retired and closed his business. Gene brought many steady customers with him to our store. Most of our non-vegetarian customers benefited at one time or another from his advice on how to prepare various cuts of meat, which generally came down to "325 degrees for 20 minutes per pound."

For many years, Gene was an important part of life in west-side Madison and an icon for the Regent Market Co-op, and we will miss him. A memorial gathering was held in January at Cress Funeral Home, not far from the store.

I didn't know Gene very well, to be honest, and this is just about everything I know about him, so I can't add anything. Well, maybe one thing—is there anyone that can imagine Gene working at Trader Joe's?

— Brad Wolbert







#### Pipes & Drums Band Tuesdays at West High

Music is in the air in the Regent Neighborhood, bagpipe music on Tuesday nights, to be specific.

West High School is now the practice home for Madison Pipes and Drums, the area's local pipe band. Many of us have enjoyed seeing and hearing the band as they rehearse on the practice field located at the corner of Highland and Van Hise Avenues. The members are out there every Tuesday, 6:30–8:30 p.m. In good weather, they play outside, marching and parading and preparing for their competitions and appearances. In bad weather, and all winter long, they're inside, learning new music, working on fundamentals, and spinning wool for their kilts.

This spring, as the pipes and snare drums started playing, I became curious about the band. They provide excellent background music to my evening barbecue, but I wanted to know more. Who is it, in Madison, Wisconsin, that thinks they'd like to play a bagpipe, join a drum corps, and wear a glengarry bonnet?

Pipe major David Bradley and band president Chris Brand gave me the answers.

Madison Pipes and Drums has 20 members. They come mostly from within Madison, but also from the neighboring areas. The youngest member is 12. Official records are not kept on the ages of the older members.

Like most civilian pipe bands, Madison Pipes and Drums is a Scottish pipe band that both competes in Highland games and parades. Locally, you can find them each year at the St. Patrick's Day Parade, the Syttende Mai Parade in Stoughton, Monona's Memorial Day Parade, the Waunafest Parade, Middleton's Good Neighbor Parade, and Pipers on the Prairie in Monona. The band started competing in 2002, and its competition schedule now takes it to Highland game events in Milwaukee, Chicago, and Waukesha.

The band came to practice at West High School thanks to one of its members, Al Smith. Al is on the custodial and maintenance staff at the high school. When he joined the band last fall, it was without a regular practice venue. "We were rattling around from fire station to fire station, practicing wherever we could," David explained. "Several of our members are firefighters, and they'd host us week-to-week, but we never had a set location."

Then Al and the high school administration offered the practice field and gym year-round. "They've been



Madison Pipes & Drums Band rehearses weekly at West High practice field

incredibly kind to us," said Chris. "The school and the whole neighborhood have been great. This is the longest we've been at one place, so we're working hard not to get kicked out!"

Some things that make Madison Pipes and Drums unique are its independent spirit and its high ratio of pipers to drummers. Standard instrumentation for a pipe band is 6–25 pipers and 5–16 drummers. There are 12 pipers in Madison's band and notably fewer drummers, only about eight. The drummer shortage was illustrated by pipe major David, who on the night of my visit, was playing a snare drum to fill the void.

"Everyone wants to be a piper," explained Chris. "If anyone in the neighborhood is in interested, we're always looking for a few good drummers."

In terms of the disposition of the band, David said they're a bit more relaxed than some. "This is Madison after all," he laughed. The pipe band began life in the military, and that militaristic discipline and soldierly persona permeates many bands yet today. "We do things more by consensus here," said David. "Pipe bands tend to be quite top-down, autocratic, everyone in lockstep. We're more like a team."

The youngest member of the team is 12-year-old piper Josiah Grabber. He began playing when he was nine. "I'd seen a video of a bagpiper and thought it looked like fun. So I nagged and nagged my parents and finally they arranged lessons for me."

Teaching new drum and bagpipe students is actually one of the band's highest priorities. Several members offer private lessons. Chris teaches many aspiring pipers and teaches a two-part bagpiping class through UW's Division of Continuing Studies. "Like with most things, it's easiest to get started when

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#### Dane County Board Report, District 10—Jeremy Levin

I hope this edition of the RNA Newsletter finds you and your family well. Since my last article I have been reappointed to the County's Health and Human Needs (HHN) committee and I will continue to serve as vicechair. I value my role on HHN, as the county spends more than half of its budget on human services for residents in need.

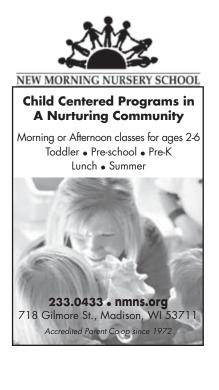


Supervisor Jeremy Levin

Recently, Dane County was awarded state and federal funds to create a new Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC). It will be a one-stop shop providing services and information for individuals and their families/caregivers. The ADRC will assist people, free of charge, in identifying their needs and determining what resources exist in Dane County to best serve them. The ADRC should create approximately 45 new jobs. Plans are to open in the fall at a location on the Northside of Madison.

The County has been selected host the 2015 Wisconsin Farm Technology Days. The three-day annual event is the largest agricultural show in Wisconsin and is estimated to bring in \$1.8 million to the county. We are the most productive agricultural county in the state, and farms comprise almost 70% of Dane County land. This will be a great opportunity to showcase our farmers.

As always, please feel free to contact me at levin. jeremy@co.dane.wi.us or call me at 608.577.9335 with specific questions and concerns.





#### Randall School Playground Construction Begins

The renovation of the Randall School playground and Olive Jones Park is happening this summer! Construction will begin right after school ends in June and should be done when school opens again at the end of August.

The third and final phase of construction will focus on infrastructure, to create a safe and solid space for children to play for years to come. The city parks division will replace the retaining walls and staircases, put down a new asphalt surface, and install the black metal fence on all four sides. There will be new pedestrian and car gates on the Chadbourne side.

The Regent Neighborhood Association has also received a city neighborhood grant to install a shaded seating area on the side of the building toward the school.

The asphalt field will be closed for the summer, but the main play structure and the toddler area will be accessible most of the time. Since construction equipment can be fascinating, we ask that parents remind their free-range children to stay out of the construction zone!

We are grateful to everyone who worked to make various funding sources come together. We are indebted to Alder Shiva Bidar-Sielaff for coordinating the city funding, to the City of Madison for providing "People for Parks" matching funds, to Principal John Wallace for help with private fund-raising, and to the 108 neighbors, parents and businesses who made new donations to phase three.



## ReStore Opens on Westside July 10 at 5906 Odana Road

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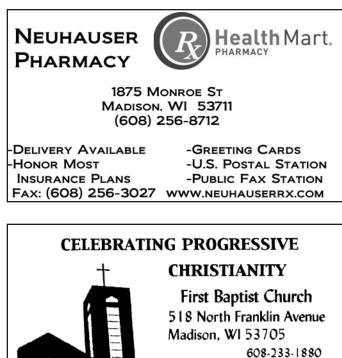


Randall playground improvements coming this summer include a new asphalt surface and a shaded seating area.

We are also incredibly grateful to the Franklin-Randall Parent-Teacher Organization for donating \$12,000 and to the Regent Neighborhood Association for donating \$8,000 to phase three. These two generous donations made it possible for the project to wrap up this summer.

See you in September for the grand opening!

— Amy Thomas Halstead and Marcia Vandercook, Co-chairs, Friends of Olive Jones



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#### Spring Art on Speedway

Regent Neighborhood artist Sarah Brooks brings color to the neighborhood with flowers and sculpture.

Sarah Brooks maintains the Flag Perennial Bed at the entrance of Forest Hill Cemetery. It started in 1997 as part of her master gardener training at UW-Extension when she was required to give back to the community. The class requirement long fulfilled, she's still keeping the garden looking nice—watering, weeding, planting annuals, maintaining perennials about 80-100 hours each season.

As she works, she thinks of the passers-by and wanted to give them "something to look at. A little light-hearted 'Good morning!'" This led to papiermâché giant asparagus (as seen in Michael Feldman's *Wisconsin Curiosities* series), out-sized pea pods, and this year's "The Snag", a kite caught on a weeping hydrangea that didn't survive but served as armature.

Until last year, when the Wisconsin State Journal ran a feature on her and her art, few knew who did the "mystery sculptures". She enjoyed the anonymity. One day at Fife's Bistro, she noticed a photo of her asparagus sculpture in a local paper. Someone asked, "You live over there by that giant asparagus?" That tickled her.

Sarah hopes her sculptures give people a little poke, a little prod, and sometimes the sculptures poke her back. This year, as she was prepping her kite

#### "Old Tennis Courts" Renovation

After nearly thirty years of disrepair, the Regent Street tennis court area adjacent to West High School is being renovated this summer. The space will include workout stations, informal classroom seating for teachers and students as well as some green space and two full basketball courts that will serve as a multi-use area for various types of sports activities. One of the major features of the renovation project is that the new space will be graded down to meet the level of the existing track and football field reducing noise and disruption to the community while providing open access to all who are interested in using this recreation area. We at West are excited about the renovation and can't wait until its completion. Construction is set to begin in July. The project is expected to be completed by the beginning of the school year.



Artist Sarah Brooks refers to her sculpture on Speedway as "The Snag"

sculpture, she carefully chose sticks from her home garden and placed them at the cemetery bed to begin her sculpture. When she returned, the sticks were gone. A youth group had cleaned-up the area, taking Sarah's sticks with them. She dug through their stick pick pile, found her sticks, but they were broken. She had duct tape with her and the sculpture she'd wanted to look elegant was maybe a little less so. Her sculptures are meant to be temporary. The papiermâché kite melted in the next rain. Here one day, gone the next. Like the spring flowers.

#### Pipes & Drums, continued from page 5

you're young, but piping and drumming is something you can do no matter your age," said Chris.

Next Tuesday night, step outside, open your window, or walk over to the high school. The band loves an audience and its members are happy to talk and showcase their music and instruments. "We're glad people enjoy us and the music," said David. "We can be fun to listen to and watch, but we also know we can be loud, so we're always careful to shut off the pipes by 8:30 p.m."

— Karen Mittelstadt kemittels@gmail.com

— Ed Holmes Principal, Madison West High School

#### Neighborhood Delivery Network

Rollie Cox, longtime newsletter block captain, has assumed the newsletter distribution manager post succeeding Tom Miskelly.

Thank you, Rollie, for helping us sustain our neighborhood tradition and spirit! While other neighborhoods are resorting to mailing their newsletters due to lack of volunteers, RNA publications (quarterly newsletters, annual directory, and occasional flyers) are hand-delivered by a system of volunteer area representatives and block captains to all 1,700 households and businesses.

This network is more than just a delivery system. It keeps us neighborly.

Thank your block captain when they make a delivery. We couldn't do it without them!

If you are interested in serving as an area rep or block captain, let us know. We need backups to keep our system running smoothly. If you can volunteer with newsletter efforts, please contact Mary at sarnowski@mac.com or Rollie at rollie@chorus.net.

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#### Alder Report, District 5—Shiva Bidar-Sielaff

Dear Neighbors,

Our long-awaited and beautiful summer days are finally here! Here are some key neighborhood issues that I have been working on over the past few months:

#### Traffic/Parking/Bike/ Pedestrian Issues

• Speed bumps on Lathrop between Summit & Breese: the survey results showed a majority support. The speed bumps will be added as part of the street construction in 2013.



Alder Shiva Bidar-Sielaff

• Island on Farley at Chamberlain: the survey results showed a majority support and the island will be constructed this summer.

#### **Olive Jones- Randall School Park**

It took a village and we did it! I was able to secure additional City park impact fee funds for the project and the amazing Friends of Olive Jones reached their fund-raising goals. Construction for the third and last phase of the park renovation will start in late June and will end in August.

#### Development projects and proposals

• Construction of new apartment building at 1815 University Ave. (currently Princeton House): This development was approved back in 2007. Construction will start in June 2012 and is scheduled to end in August 2013.

• Patrick and Sue Grady are proposing to build an eight-unit apartment building with underground parking at 2224 Regent Street. This would require demolition of the existing residence and rezoning the lot. A neighborhood meeting has been scheduled for June 7, 2012 to receive feedback from the neighborhood on the proposal.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any comments, questions, and/or concerns. I can be reached at district5@cityofmadison.com or (608) 220-6986.

Have a wonderful summer,

Shiva Bidar-Sielaff District 5 Alder City of Madison Common Council





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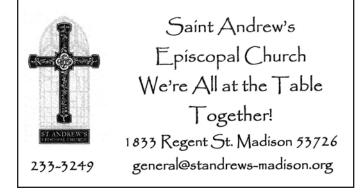
The Madison Trust for Historic Preservation invites Regent Neighborhood residents to join us for one of our University Heights walking tours featuring the architecture and history of the area. Docents will lead these tours on Saturdays, May 26, June 23, July 21, and September 8. All Saturday tours begin at 11 a.m. in front of Louis Sullivan's Bradley House on the corner of Van Hise and Prospect Avenues. We will also offer two twilight tours beginning at the same location at 6 p.m. on Thursdays, July 12 and August 23.

All tours: adults \$10, seniors (60+) and college students \$5, free to MTHP members.

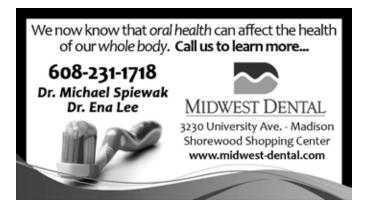
Visit our website at madisonpreservation.org for a listing of all eight historic architecture tours the Trust will offer this summer and for information about our activities and membership.



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#### News from the Regent Market Co-op

Greetings Neighbors! As the new board president for Regent Market Co-op I want to re-introduce the neighborhood to the diverse benefits of your little neighborhood store. There are a number of things that make RMC different than other small grocery stores but I would like to highlight one important one, namely its cooperative structure. RMC exists because the people in the neighborhood decided to keep it here by becoming member-owners. In this regard, the neighborhood was out in front of a quiet revolution.

A recent NY Times Op-Ed piece points out that, while finance capitalism continues its meltdown, "something different has been quietly brewing in recent decades: more and more Americans are involved in co-ops, worker-owned companies and other alternatives to the traditional capitalist model. We may, in fact, be moving toward a hybrid system, something different from both traditional capitalism and socialism, without anyone even noticing." According to the article, 130 million Americans now participate in the ownership of co-op businesses and credit unions. More than 13 million Americans have become worker-owners of more than 11,000 employee-owned companies, six million more than belong to private-sector unions. Another item the Op-Ed article revealed is that Co-operatives tend to do more community activities than privately held enterprises in the same industry. RMC contributes to many of our proximate schools, neighborhood events and charities including a concerted effort to help a neighborhood domestic abuse shelter. Our recent spring fling sidewalk festival had the best neighborhood attendance ever and has helped to introduce other local businesses to the neighborhood.

As a Board member, I see our job as representing the interests of the owners, my neighbors, to make sure the co-op provides the kind of shopping experience they expect. I am happy to report that with our recently completed survey we seem to be doing that quite well, though we also received helpful comments for improvements. Look to this column to keep you abreast of the things we are doing to enhance the quality of your store and your community.

— Jim Yockey RMC Board President



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#### Still Looking For a Few Good Volunteers — RNA Board Openings

If you've thought about stepping forward to help out the neighborhood, here's an excellent opportunity! The Regent Neighborhood Association is looking for candidates to fill several open positions.

The RNA Board meets on the fourth Wednesday of the month from August through June. The meetings are at the Best Western InnTowner from 7–9 pm. It's a great way to support and learn about our neighborhood and get to know some really fascinating people.

#### What do you need to do to volunteer?

Read through the list of officers and committee chairs to see if there is a good fit for your interests. If you're ready to take on specific responsibilities right away, consider chairing a committee. If you'd prefer to observe the board the first year, consider an at-large or perhaps officer-elect position.



#### About the Regent Neighborhood Association

The purpose of the Regent Neighborhood Association (RNA) is to articulate common interests in the neighborhood, work for neighborhood improvement, and maintain strong communications with and between residents. The RNA seeks to be a broad-based, inclusive, and credible organization engaging as many neighborhood residents as possible in efforts to improve the neighborhood.

Specifically, we strive to:

- maintain the family and residential character of the neighborhood while welcoming small businesses;
- improve the quality of schools, green spaces, transportation, and other features of the neighborhood;
- encourage good relations between homeowners, landlords, renters, and business owners; and
- promote citizen involvement in neighborhood and city affairs.

These RNA board positions are **OPEN:** 

#### **President-Elect**

This position is the understudy to the president, and attends all RNA board meetings.

#### **Treasurer-Elect**

This position is understudy to the treasurer. The treasurer maintains the accounts of the RNA, invoices businesses as requested by committee chairs, attends monthly board meetings and presents the Treasurer's report, completes and presents to the board an annual income statement and balance sheet, and attends any meetings of the Executive Committee of the board, and picks up the RNA mail weekly from the Hilldale post office box. Approximately 4 hours per month is spent on treasurer duties.

#### **Greenspace Conservation Committee Chair**

This committee provides guidance on the use, maintenance, improvement, and creation of parks, playgrounds, green spaces, and historic open spaces in the neighborhood. It works cooperatively with government agencies and others for the betterment of the neighborhood and the city.

#### Streets and Transportation Committee Chair

This committee advocates for safe streets for residents as they walk, bike, and drive through the neighborhood. It works with city officials and staff on developing equitable and appropriate solutions, and provides leadership and education on neighborhood traffic and parking issues.

If you're interested in one of these positions, please email RNA President John Schlaefer at john\_ schlaefer@yahoo.com.

#### The RNA Wants YOU!

Joining the RNA is another way to help your neighborhood! As a member, each September you'll receive an informative annual Membership Directory—your personal guidebook to our thriving neighborhood. Membership is \$5.00 for an individual and \$10.00 for a family.

To join, download a membership form from our website (www.regentneighborhood.org), email Membership Chair Ann Sydnor (amsydnor@ gmail.com), or sign up at the RNA booth at the RNA Fourth of July Festival.

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#### A Note from the President —

Summer is here again and I'm really excited because it's almost time for another RNA July 4th Festival. It's so much fun to see all the decorated tricycles, bicycles, and wagons in the parade, hear the Rag Tag Band, have a couple of brats, and see all the fun things on the "midway", not to mention the cake walk and the legendary Regent Market Egg Toss.

A big thank you to Robin Worth and all the volunteers who are putting this year's festival together. I hope you will come and join us this year at RNA's annual neighborhood big event.



RNA Board President John Schlaefer

Election of the board for the coming year was held at our annual meeting on May 23. I want to welcome Ann Sydnor, Elizabeth Wroblewski, and Christian Moran to the Board, and say we will miss Laura Rose, Steve Arnold, and Troy Thiel. Thank you for your service to the Regent neighborhood.

Have a great summer everyone. See you at the Festival!

— John

#### RNA Board Meeting Schedule

• June 27, 2012

• August 22, 2012

- October 24, 2012
- November 28, 2012
- September 26, 2012
- January 23, 2013

The RNA Board meets on the fourth Wednesday of each month from 7–9 p.m. at the Best Western InnTowner at 2424 University Avenue.

These meetings are open to the general public. Agenda items are solicited through the RNA listserv or can be emailed to RNA President John Schlaefer at john\_schlaefer@yahoo.com.

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